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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION C 1 2 **COMMISSIONERS** 3 MIKE GLEASON - Chairman JEFF HATCH-MILLER 4 WILLIAM A. MUNDELL KRISTIN K. MAYES 5 **GARY PIERCE** 6 In the Matter of the Application of Arizona-American Water Company for DOCKET NO. W-01303A-05-0718 7 8 Approvals Associated with a JOINT NOTICE OF FILING Transaction with the Maricopa County **SUMMARIES OF PRE-FILED** Municipal Water Conservation District 9 **TESTIMONY** Number One 10 11 Pursuant to the Procedural Order dated December 27, 2006, Courtland Homes, 12 Inc., Taylor Woodrow/Arizona, Inc. and CHI Construction Company, through 13 undersigned counsel, hereby respectively file their Summaries of Pre-Filed Testimony. 14 DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007. 15 SNELL & WILMER L.L.P. 16 17 By Jeffrey W. Crockett Bradley S. Carroll 18 Snell & Wilmer LLP 19 400 East Van Buren Phoenix AZ 85004-2202 20 **ORIGINAL** and thirteen (13) copies filed with Docket Control March 15, 2007. 21 E OF 22 COPY hand-delivered March 15, 2007, to: 23 Mike Gleason Chairman Arizona Corporation Commission Arizona Corporation Commission 24 DOCKETED 1200 W. Washington Street 25 Phoenix AZ 85007 MAR 15 2007 26 Jeff Hatch-Miller Commissioner DOCKETED BY 27 Arizona Corporation Commission

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# SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY JOHN WITTROCK ON BEHALF OF INTERVENOR COURTLAND HOMES, INC.

## **DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED ON JANUARY 24. 2007** T.

Mr. Wittrock's testimony discusses the following three issues:

- Hook-up fees that have already been paid under Arizona-American's 1. existing tariff.
- 2. The need for construction of a surface water treatment plant and the provision of assured water supply during construction which can also offset the cost of the higher hook-up fees.
- The possibility of a moratorium by Arizona-American if there is a delay in 3. the construction of the plant.

With respect to fees already paid under Arizona-American's existing tariff, Mr. Wittrock states that the Commission's order approving any change in the hook-up fees should contain language that expressly states that Arizona-American should be precluded from charging the difference between the existing hook-up fee and any increased hook-up fee. This is a position that Arizona-American had already agreed to in its November 13, 2006 response to Courtland's comments filed on November 6, 2006. On the issue of assured water supply during construction of the plant, Mr. Wittrock states that Arizona-American should be required to secure interim sources of water, thereby negating the need for developers to have to bear the cost of drilling wells to provide water. Finally, Mr. Wittrock states that Arizona-American should be precluded from instituting a moratorium on new water service to the extent that the customer has supplied the water source for the development. Moreover, to the extent Arizona-American has entered into interim water supply agreements on specific projects, there should not be a threat of a possible moratorium in the Agua Fria District that relate to such projects.

## II. SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILED ON MARCH 12, 2007

Mr. Wittrock's surrebuttal testimony addresses the following:

The testimony of Mr. Thomas Broderick relating to when the increase in 1.

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the hook-up fee will be applied; and

2. The testimony of Mr. G. Troy Day relating to the need for developer provided wells.

In response to Mr. Broderick's testimony, Mr. Wittrock testifies that operational acceptance pursuant to the line extension agreements is not the same date as when meters are set. Mr. Wittrock further testifies that he has spoken to Mr. Broderick about this and that Arizona-American has agreed that the meter-set date is not applicable and that Arizona-American's position with respect to the pre-payment of hook-up fees is that so long as the fees have been paid under the existing tariff and onsite facilities have been installed. Arizona-American would not seek from developers the higher hook-up fees. Therefore, Arizona-American agrees with Courtland and does consider Courtland's Greer Ranch North Phase I and Greer Ranch North Phase II Developments to have satisfied this requirement relating to the payment of the Hook-Up Fees. Mr. Wittrock also seeks clarification that any future true-ups to hook-up fees paid under the existing tariff be calculated based upon such tariff in existence at the time of the prepayment.

With respect to Mr. Day's testimony regarding the need for developers to still provide wells, Mr. Wittrock testifies that the Commission should require Arizona-American to use its best efforts not only during the construction of the plant, but also thereafter, to minimize the need and expense of the requirement that developers must provide wells in order to receive water utility service. He further states that given that MWD has potable wells in the Agua Fria District already, Arizona-American and MWD should be encouraged to work together to utilize these wells before requiring new wells on a going forward basis before new wells are required to be drilled.

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# SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY JUSTIN IANNACONE ON BEHALF OF INTERVENOR TAYLOR WOODROW/ARIZONA, INC.

# I. DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED ON JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. Iannacone's testimony discusses the following three issues:

- 1. Hook-up fees that have already been paid under Arizona-American's existing tariff.
- 2. The need for construction of a surface water treatment plant and the provision of assured water supply during construction which can also offset the cost of the higher hook-up fees.
- 3. The possibility of a moratorium by Arizona-American if there is a delay in the construction of the plant.

With respect to fees already paid under Arizona-American's existing tariff, Mr. Iannacone states that the Commission's order approving any change in the hook-up fees should contain language that expressly states that Arizona-American should be precluded from charging the difference between the existing hook-up fee and any increased hook-up fee. This is a position that Arizona-American had already agreed to in its November 13, 2006 response to Taylor Woodrow's comments filed on November 6, 2006. On the issue of assured water supply during construction of the plant, Mr. Iannacone states that Arizona-American should be required to secure interim sources of water, thereby negating the need for developers to have to bear the cost of drilling wells to provide water. Finally, Mr. Iannacone states that Arizona-American should be precluded from instituting a moratorium on new water service to the extent that the customer has supplied the water source for the development. Moreover, to the extent Arizona-American has entered into interim water supply agreements on specific projects, there should not be a threat of a possible moratorium in the Agua Fria District that relate to such projects.

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# II. SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILED ON MARCH 12, 2007

Mr. Iannacone's surrebuttal testimony addresses the following:

1. The testimony of Mr. Thomas Broderick relating to when the increase in

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the hook-up fee will be applied; and

2. The testimony of Mr. G. Troy Day relating to the need for developer provided wells.

In response to Mr. Broderick's testimony, Mr. Iannacone testifies that operational acceptance pursuant to the line extension agreements is not the same date as when meters are set and there should be no linkage between the two. Additionally, and in practice, a project may be considered to be at the operational acceptance stage regardless of whether Arizona has issued a written acknowledgement under the line extension agreement. This is evident by Arizona-American already setting meters without issuing a formal operational acceptance letter. Mr. Iannacone therefore states that Taylor Woodrow's project at Sycamore Farms should be considered to have satisfied this requirement relating to the payment of the hook-up fees and Arizona-American should be precluded from charging the higher tariff. Mr. Iannacone also seeks clarification that any future true-ups to hook-up fees paid under the existing tariff be calculated based upon such tariff in existence at the time of the prepayment.

With respect to Mr. Day's testimony regarding the need for developers to still provide wells, Mr. Iannacone testifies that the Commission should require Arizona-American to use its best efforts not only during the construction of the plant, but also thereafter, to minimize the need and expense of the requirement that developers must provide wells in order to receive water utility service. He further states that given that MWD has potable wells in the Agua Fria District already, Arizona-American and MWD should be encouraged to work together to utilize these wells before requiring new wells on a going forward basis before new wells are required to be drilled.

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# SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY GIVEN BY BRETT HOPPER ON BEHALF OF INTERVENOR CHI CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

### I. DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED ON JANUARY 24, 2007

Mr. Hopper's testimony discusses the treatment of hook-up fees that have already been paid under Arizona-American's existing tariff. Mr. Hopper states that the Commission's order approving any change in the hook-up fees should contain language that expressly states that Arizona-American should be precluded from charging the difference between the existing hook-up fee and any increased hook-up fee. This is a position that Arizona-American had already agreed to in its November 13, 2006 response to CHI's comments filed on November 6, 2006.

### II. SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY FILED ON MARCH 12, 2007

Mr. Hopper's surrebuttal testimony addresses the testimony of Mr. Thomas Broderick relating to when the increase in the hook-up fee will be applied. In response to Mr. Broderick's testimony, Mr. Hopper testifies that operational acceptance pursuant to the line extension agreements is not the same date as when meters are set and there should be no linkage between the two. Additionally, and in practice, a project may be considered to be at the operational acceptance stage regardless of whether Arizona-American has issued a written acknowledgement under the line extension agreement. Mr. Hopper states that because of the existence of the onsite-distribution and transmission facilities, CHI's development at Sarah Ann Ranch should be considered to have satisfied this requirement relating to the payment of the hook-up fees and Arizona-American should be precluded from charging the higher tariff. Mr. Hopper also seeks clarification that any future true-ups to hook-up fees paid under the existing tariff be calculated based upon such tariff in existence at the time of the prepayment.

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